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<p><u>Recreational Resources – Hang Gliding</u> Launches of hang gliders, paragliders, ultralights, and similar aircraft from and landing on BLM and National Forest lands within the National Monument, including the Vista Point launch site off Highway 74, would be allowed with a permit, subject to management measures to minimize occurrences of landing in sensitive areas. BLM and Forest Service would identify Federal lands where hang gliding, paragliding, ultralight use, and similar activities would be inappropriate. Launching and landing of aircraft, including helicopters, hang gliders, hot air balloons, parasails, and parachutes is prohibited in Wilderness. BLM and Forest Service would coordinate with hang gliding and other applicable associations to disseminate information about appropriate launching and landing sites. Information about restricted landing areas near the National Monument Visitor Center (Visitor Center) would be installed at Vista Point; landing on Bighorn Institute property would be identified as a prohibited activity. Appropriate landing sites on public land adjacent to the Visitor Center would be identified and signed.</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED PLAN: Recreational Resources – Hang Gliding</u> Launches of hang gliders, paragliders, ultralights, and similar aircraft from and landing on BLM and National Forest lands within and adjacent to essential Peninsular Ranges bighorn sheep habitat in the National Monument, including Vista Point, would not be allowed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of appropriate launching and landing sites outside Peninsular Ranges bighorn sheep habitat and dissemination of information about these sites would occur in coordination with hang gliding and other applicable associations. • BLM and Forest Service would identify Federal lands outside Peninsular Ranges bighorn sheep habitat where these activities would be inappropriate. <p>Launching and landing of aircraft, including helicopters, hang gliders, hot air balloons, parasails, and parachutes, is prohibited in wilderness</p>	<p><u>Recreational Resources – Hang Gliding</u> Launches of hang gliders, parasails, ultralights, and similar aircraft from and landing on BLM or National Forest lands within the National Monument, including Vista Point, would not be allowed.</p>	

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<u>PROPOSED PLAN: Recreational Resources – Recreational Paintball</u> The discharge of gas and air-propelled weapons and simulated weapons (including paintball and paintball-like weapons) would not be allowed within the National Monument.			
<u>Recreational Resources - Recreational Shooting</u> Recreational shooting on Federal lands, except for hunting, would be allowed only in designated shooting areas within the National Monument. Designated shooting areas would not be established: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • within State Game Refuges • within designated Wilderness • where vehicular access has not been approved • within 150 yards of certain developed recreational facilities (e.g., Visitor Center, campgrounds) 	<u>Recreational Resources - Recreational Shooting</u> Recreational shooting, except for hunting, would be allowed as a dispersed activity on Federal lands throughout the National Monument with the following exceptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no recreational shooting within State Game Refuges • no recreational shooting within designated Wilderness • no recreational shooting where vehicular access has not been approved • no recreational shooting within 150 yards of all developed recreational facilities and occupied sites (e.g., roads, trails, Visitor Center, campgrounds, trailheads, etc.) 	<u>PROPOSED PLAN: Recreational Resources - Recreational Shooting</u> No recreational shooting, except for hunting, would be allowed on Federal lands within the National Monument. Hunting would continue to be permitted according to CDFG regulations.	
<u>PROPOSED PLAN: Recreational Resources – Pets - Within Essential Bighorn Sheep Habitat</u> Pets would be allowed in designated areas only and must be on a leash (maximum length of 10 feet). Owners would be required to collect and properly dispose of their pet's fecal matter. Designated pet areas will be identified in the comprehensive trails management plan (pending).			

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<p><u>Recreational Resources – Pets- Outside Essential Bighorn Sheep Habitat</u> Pets would be allowed on all Federal lands with no leash required. Owners would be required to collect and properly dispose of their pet's fecal matter. Working dogs may be permitted on Federal lands with no leash required, pursuant to an authorization for use of such lands.</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED PLAN: Recreational Resources – Pets- Outside Essential Bighorn Sheep Habitat</u> Pets would be allowed on all Federal lands with a leash (maximum length of 10 feet). Owners would be required to collect and properly dispose of their pet's fecal matter. Working dogs may be permitted on Federal lands with no leash required, pursuant to an authorization for use of such lands.</p>	<p><u>Recreational Resources – Pets- Outside Essential Bighorn Sheep Habitat</u> Pets would be allowed only on paved surfaces and in designated pet areas at developed facilities such as visitor centers, trailheads, parking lots, and campgrounds. Leashes (maximum length of 10 feet) would be required. Signs would be posted in areas where dogs are both allowed and prohibited. Owners would be required to collect and properly dispose of their pet's fecal matter. Working dogs may be permitted on Federal lands with no leash required, pursuant to an authorization for use of such lands.</p>	

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PROPOSED PLAN: Management of Visitation, Facilities, and Uses –Facility Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an architectural theme for the National Monument to set the stage for National Monument facilities, signs, outreach materials, etc. • Address facility development within the National Monument on an as-needed basis. Upon the establishment of a need for a facility, the facility will be planned, located, and constructed, so long as the proposed facility falls within the following parameters: • Prioritize facility placement in already disturbed areas • Require the promotion of the understanding and enjoyment of National Monument resources as the goal of any private party ventures and concessionaires • Furnish new toilet facilities as needed for health, safety, and resource protection • Identify existing and proposed partner facility locations. Cooperative efforts (including the pursuit of cooperative grants) and joint uses of facilities (e.g., Tramway gas station on Highway 111 at the entrance to the City of Palm Springs) would be encouraged as appropriate. • Evaluate the effectiveness of existing signs, interpretive sites, and facilities and upgrade as needed. 			

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<p>PROPOSED PLAN: Acquisition Strategy - Acquisition Criteria</p> <p>Establish bi-annual coordination meetings concerning the ongoing acquisition program to identify (1) existing and prospective funding sources, (2) acquisition and partnership opportunities based on the agencies' various priorities, and (3) short-term and long-term actions to ensure that acquisitions are accomplished and funding opportunities pursued.</p> <p>Adopt the following criteria to supplement existing BLM and Forest Service acquisitions policies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategic significance. As noted above, agencies may have different priorities based on their specific missions. Among factors that may be significant to one agency or another are biological resource values such as lambing habitat or water sources for bighorn sheep, right-of-way needs for trails or other access purposes, geological values, and cultural resource values. The CVMSHCP will identify the areas with high biological value and will delineate trail alignments. The National Monument has not been comprehensively surveyed for cultural resources, but there is an existing body of information that can help to assess the likelihood of cultural resources to occur in various areas. 2. Threat level. Areas within the National Monument where there is a threat of development or a potential for a land use conflict are of high priority. 3. Opportunity. Lands sometime become available for acquisition through a Tax Sale Agreement with the County Tax Collector. Other lands may be offered as a donation or sale at below market value if the owner wishes to seek tax credits or tax deductions. Such opportunities enable acquisitions to be made at relatively little cost. 4. Funding availability. Various agencies have access to a number of funding sources that typically have restrictions as to where or for what purposes the funds can be used. 			